

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 15 and 16 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 15 were examined. Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 15 were rejected. Claim 16 was withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein, in addition to the remarks made in the Amendment filed on March 21, 2006.

No new matter has been added.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 31, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the status identifier for claim 15 was incorrect and should have read "Previously Presented". Consequently, Applicants were given a one-month response period during which to supply a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section. Provided above is the corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section.

Conclusion

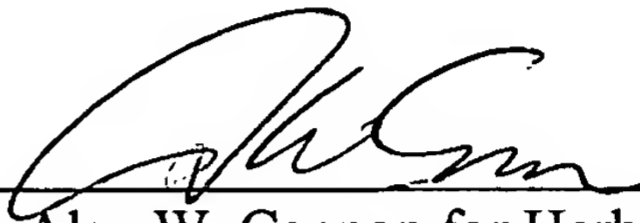
Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10020405-1.

Respectfully submitted,

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